



Community News and Events

Assemblymember Hayashi's 2nd Annual Women's Health Fair to be Held on May 16th



In observance of May being Women's Health Month, Assemblymember Hayashi is hosting her 2nd Annual Women's Health Fair at the San Leandro Main Library. This free fair, in cooperation with St. Rose Hospital, provides attendees with an opportunity to become better informed about women's health issues, access important health screenings, and learn positive steps towards building and maintaining an active, healthy lifestyle. To view the invitation, click [here](#).

What: 2nd Annual Women's Health Fair
When: Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro
Karp/Estudillo Room and Lecture Hall

Highlight of Activities:

- **Free Health Screenings** Scheduled for Blood Glucose, Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index, Bone Density, Dental, Hearing, Mental Health Well Being, Electronic Stress Scan, and Vision Impairments.
- **Speakers' Series on Topics** such as:
 - **How to Feel Fabulous after 50 from Head to Toe**
Presented by St. Rose Hospital
 - **Weight Loss at Any Cost vs. Health at Any Size**

Presented by Dr. Patricia Crawford, Co-Director of the Center for Weight and Health, University of California Berkeley School of Public Health

- **Fitness at Home: Exercises You Can Do in the Comfort of Your Living Room**

Presented by Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Inductee for Sports and Athletics, Ms. Linda Campana and CBS Television Show "Survivor – Fiji" Contestant, Mr. Yau-Man Chan

- **Breast Cancer: Learn the Statistics, Risks, and Latest Treatments**

Presented by Dr. Rishi Sawhney, Oncologist, St. Rose Hospital's Women's Imaging Center

- **Health and Community Exhibits filling the entire Karp/Estudillo Room at the San Leandro Main Library.**

To RSVP, please contact the District Office by dialing (510) 583-8818 or go online at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi



AB 108 – Health Insurance Policy Rescission Bill Heads to the Assembly Floor



Recent newspaper stories have reported accounts of health insurers rescinding coverage when consumers need it most. Californians deserve the peace of mind knowing that after signing an insurance application, receiving the policy in the mail, and paying premiums for many years that they will be covered when faced with a serious medical condition and related expenses.

AB 108 allows insurance companies up to 18 months to conduct all medical underwriting of an individual insurance application in order to consider any potential false statements. After 18 months from the day of policy issuance, the health insurer would be prohibited from canceling, limiting, or raising the premiums of the plan or contract. This bill is fair to all parties and shall give policy holders peace of mind when seeking treatment. AB 108 has passed the Assembly Health Committee and Assembly Appropriations Committee and now

heads to the Assembly Floor for further consideration. [**AB 108 – Health Insurance Policy Rescission**](#)

AB 210 – Green Building Standards Heads to the Assembly Floor



Californians can be proud that our state is leading the nation in finding the solutions to combat global warming. Last year, California became the first state in the nation to approve green building standards to cut energy and water usage, a powerful step towards meeting the goals set by AB 32 signed into law in 2006.

Buildings account for more than one-third of our state's energy use and produce 25 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions. As great as our State Building Standards Codes are, some local jurisdictions want to ensure that their communities reach the AB 32 goals faster through the use of more stringent green building standards. A great example is the Alameda County Juvenile Justice

Center in San Leandro. AB 210 clarifies state law permitting local jurisdictions to adopt higher green building standards. The bill has passed two Assembly committees with bipartisan support and now heads to the Assembly Floor. [AB 210 – Green Building Standards](#)

AB 235 – Mental Health Parity Bill Reaches the Assembly Floor

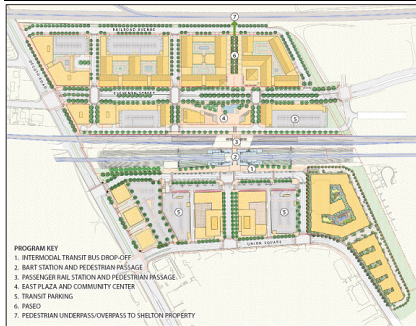


For too long patients suffering from a psychiatric medical emergency have experienced denial of insurance coverage as carriers have required prior authorization in order to receive care. Other patients have a combined physical and psychiatric medical emergency as in the case of an attempted suicide due to a slit wrist. Often the insurance carrier will cover the healing of the wrist but will ignore the underlying psychiatric cause as part of the treatment.

AB 235 places the mental health condition equal to the physical condition by stating that proper treatment necessary to relieve a psychiatric medical emergency may include admission to a psych unit at a general acute hospital or an acute psychiatric hospital. The bill has passed two Assembly committees with bipartisan support and now heads to the Assembly Floor for further consideration.

[AB 235 – Mental Health Parity](#)

AB 1158 – Allows Educational Facilities to Be Located at Transit Villages



Transit Oriented Developments (T.O.D.s) are typically mix-use facilities made up of residential and retail developments located near public transit centers such as a BART station, light rail station or AC Transit Bus Hub. This green complex is to provide a place where people can live, shop, and work without relying solely on the use of automobiles.

One aspect missing for cities or counties in planning a T.O.D. is a place to learn. Currently, “educational facilities” are not listed as a specified characteristic that a city or county may use to create a transit village plan. AB 1158 will change the law so students will have an equal opportunity to live and learn near public transit centers. Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, sponsor of the bill, plans to provide workforce development and learning centers at several T.O.D.s within its district and help reduce its students’ carbon footprints. The bill passed the Assembly Local Government Committee and now heads

to the Assembly Floor for further consideration. [AB 1158 – Transit Village](#)

Assemblymember Hayashi Receives Public Policy Award for Suicide Prevention



The American Association of Suicidology honored Assemblymember Mary Hayashi with the coveted Public Policy Award during its 42nd Annual Conference on April 18th. The award honors the efforts of state and national leaders who address the problem of suicide in the United States. Assemblymember Hayashi received the award due to her role in establishing the California State Office for Suicide Prevention and her consistent support for suicide prevention efforts. Previous award-winners include U.S. Senator Harry Reid of Nevada.

Assemblymember Hayashi's commitment to addressing mental health issues is driven largely by her own personal childhood experience of losing her older sister to suicide. Her story of this journey in becoming a national voice on suicide prevention and other health care issues is detailed in her book, *Far From Home: Shattering the Myth of the Model Minority*. Assemblymember Hayashi worked on the successful campaign to pass Proposition 63, a groundbreaking measure that has raised billions of dollars in new mental health funding. She also serves as a commissioner on the measure's Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission.

Assemblymember Hayashi Emcees Girls Inc.'s Annual Strong, Smart and Bold Luncheon



On April 17th, Girls Inc. of Alameda County held their annual Strong, Smart, and Bold Luncheon which honors women who shine as leading role models for girls. Emceed by Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, the recipients of this year's awards were Gold Medal Olympian Kristi Yamaguchi, San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris, and California State Assembly Speaker Karen Bass.

For more than 50 years, Girls Inc. has provided year-round academic, enrichment and skills building programs including counseling to girls and their families. In 2007, more than 7,000 girls participated in its programs that strive to build confidence, economic independence and personal fulfillment. Congratulations on another successful year!

Holocaust Survivor Marion Samuel of Castro Valley Honored



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored Castro Valley resident Ms. Marion Samuel and other Holocaust survivors at the State Capitol as part of a Holocaust Memorial Ceremony on April 27th.

Marion Samuel and her entire family were forced from their home in Czechoslovakia when she was 16 years old. Her father and three oldest brothers were murdered soon after the forced removal. Marion's mother, remaining brothers and she were held at the infamous prison, Rudolph's Mill, in Poland. Shortly after arriving, her youngest brother died and the remaining three brothers were taken away to a death camp. She and her mother escaped the prison and spent many months trying to evade recapture. Eventually, her mother was captured and taken away. Marion spent many long months in Auschwitz and barely survived the camp. She was led on a death march when they were finally liberated at the end of the World War II. She returned home to find she was the only one left of her entire extended family. After the war, she married, moved to the United States and raised three daughters.

The Holocaust claimed the lives of six million Jews and five million others including gypsies, people of color, prostitutes, gays and lesbians, people with disabilities, and political prisoners.

Two Middle Schools and One High School in 18th District Recognized as “Distinguished”



Pleasanton Middle School, Wells Middle School of Dublin, and Castro Valley High School were each named as a 2009 Distinguished School by the California Department of Education. These schools are recognized for their excellence in high academic achievement, visionary and collaborative leadership, strong core curriculum, superior teaching strategies, and support for those with special needs.

Only 261 schools throughout the state received this special recognition. Assemblymember Hayashi will honor these schools for their excellence in education and thanks the administrators, faculty, staff members, school board members and parents for providing these students with a firm foundation upon which to base their future development, sense of community, and achievement. Congratulations!

City of Hayward to Improve Senior Crossing on Busy Thoroughfare



Residents from the Hayward Village Senior Apartments contacted Assemblymember Hayashi's office seeking assistance with the City of Hayward for improving the crosswalk on “A” street near Interstate 880. Residents complained that motorists were driving too fast or not slowing as seniors attempted to cross the busy thoroughfare.

The City has informed our office that it will take three measures to improve the conditions within two weeks. The City will install pavement markings that read “Slow Senior Xing”, “Senior Crossing” warning signs at the crosswalk, and diagonal lines on the crosswalk to improve visibility. Thanks to the great cooperation, our seniors will have a safe and more enjoyable experience walking to nearby parks and retail locations.

New Public Safety Brochure Available



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office has available complimentary copies of her latest Public Safety Resource Guide. The guide provides practical tips on protecting you and your family from carjackings, domestic violence, gang violence, child predators, and senior scams. It also gives practical advice on how to start and participate in a neighborhood watch program.

If you or your organization would like to receive free copies, please contact the district office at (510) 583-8818. The brochure is also available online by clicking [here](#).

Assemblymember Hayashi's Voting Record and Helpful Links

AFSCME	100% Rating
Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California Labor Federation	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
California State Sheriffs' Association	Highest Ranking
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Association of Social Workers – CA	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Sierra Club	100% Rating

Assemblymember Hayashi's Website ([Click Here](#))

Assemblymember Hayashi's Biography ([Click Here](#))

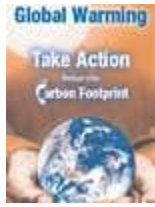
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Assemblymember Hayashi's District Map ([Click Here](#))

Resources Available

New Publications Available



Global Warming – How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



California's Economic Stimulus Package



Public Safety Resource Guide

Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



High Blood Pressure



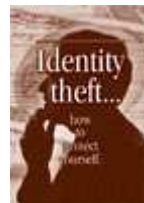
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



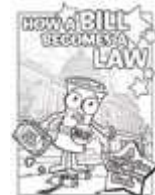
Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



The California State Budget Process

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find these and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.